

# Study of the Gospel of Mark

## Chapter 3

It is important to realize that the opening verses of Mark's third chapter are directly connected to the concluding verses of chapter 2. Chapter 2 concluded with the Pharisees condemning Jesus' disciples for "working" on the Sabbath. The topic of the Sabbath is continued in the opening verses of Mark 3.

1. The opposition of the Pharisees against Jesus continues to build in this chapter. What was the hope of the Pharisees? (Mark 3:2 - see also Matthew 12:10 for more details)

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2. Mark tells us that Jesus was angry and grieved. What caused Jesus to feel this way?

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This is the only time in Scripture where we are told that Jesus was angry. What do we learn about anger from these verses? Are there times when anger is appropriate?

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3. Mark tells us that Jesus simply tells the man to "stretch out his hand" and it was restored. It is striking that Jesus does not say, "be healed" or touch the man to heal him as He does in most other instances. What might be the reason for His different approach in this situation?

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4. After failing to trap Jesus the Pharisees joined with the rivals the Herodians in a plot to "destroy" Jesus. They were trying to accuse Jesus of sin, and became guilty of sinning themselves. What commandment were they breaking? \_\_\_\_\_

5. After this Jesus withdraws from the synagogues and Jewish leaders to teach His disciples. People came from all over to hear Jesus, both Jews (Galilee, Judea, Jerusalem) and Gentiles (Idumea, beyond the Jordan, and the regions of Tyre and Sidon). What does this say about the ministry of Jesus? (If your Bible has maps in the back, look for the locations mentioned.)

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6. When Jesus is confronted by a demon-possessed man (Mark 3:11-12) the possessed cried out "You are the Son of God!" Compare what James 2:19. What does this tell us about these evil spirits?

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7. Why would Jesus tell them not to make Him know?

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8. Compare the difference in the list of the Apostles in Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Write the names listed in each of the Gospels:

<b>Matthew 10:1-4</b>	<b>Mark 3:13-19</b>	
1. _____	1. _____	1. _____
2. _____	2. _____	2. _____
3. _____	3. _____	3. _____
4. _____	4. _____	4. _____
5. _____	5. _____	5. _____
6. _____	6. _____	6. _____
7. _____	7. _____	7. _____
8. _____	8. _____	8. _____
9. _____	9. _____	9. _____
10. _____	10. _____	10. _____
11. _____	11. _____	11. _____
12. _____	12. _____	12. _____

**Luke 6:12-16**

9. In verses 20-35 we hear a little about Jesus' family (see verses 21, 31-32). What do we learn about Jesus family from these verses?

A. (Matthew 13:55): \_\_\_\_\_

B. (See John 7:5; Acts 1:14): \_\_\_\_\_

10. Why is blasphemy against the Holy Spirit "unforgivable" (Mark 3:28-29; Matt. 12:31-32)? (Compare 1 Corinthians 12:3; and John 14:26): \_\_\_\_\_

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